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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: PRESTA et al. Serial No. 09/628,568 Filed: July 31, 2000 For: ALTERED POLYPEPTIDES WITH INCREASED HALF-LIFE	Examiner: D. Saunders Group Art Unit: 1644 <u>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</u> I hereby certify that this correspondence, including listed enclosures, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313- 1450: Dated: <u>May 6, 2003</u> Signed: <u>Jere Valles</u> Jere Valles
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the office action mailed November 6, 2002.

A Request for Continued Examination, a petition for three month extension, and the necessary fees are submitted herewith, making this a timely response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. A-63470-7/RFT/NBC).

Applicants submit that the following Amendments and Remarks are in conformance with the Pre-OG Notice entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted," signed and dated January 31, 2003. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Remarks, including arguments, begin on page 5 of this paper.